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FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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GENEVA FOR WISNER

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: MWALE WARNS AGAINST SUPER POWER CONFRONTATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

FONMIN MWALE, SPEAKING TO A VISITING SOVIET DELEGATION DEC 4, MADE CLEAR ZAMBIA'S REJECTION OF A SUPER POWER CONFRONTATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, IF THE GENEVA TALKS FAIL. HE TOLD MRS. VANNAS, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE USSR, "WE WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE ANOTHER VIETNAM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA...AS A RESULT OF THE STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE GOING ON IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD."

ZAMBIA'S POSITION IS SUCH, HE SAID, THAT ZAMBIA WOULD ENJOY NO PEACE, STABILITY OR PROGRESS IF A SUPER POWER CONFRONTATION TOOK PLACE. MWALE ADDED THAT HE HOPED ZIMBABWE WOULD GAIN ITS FREEDOM IN A WAY WHICH

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WOULD AVOID SUCH A CONFRONTATION. HOWEVER, SHOULD

GENEVA FAIL, ZAMBIA WILL HAVE NO OPTION OTHER THAN TO
SUPPORT THE ARMED STRUGGLE.

COMMENT: MWALE'S STATEMENTS ARE A CONCISE PRESENTATION
OF ZAMBIA'S BASIC POLICY TOWARDS SOUTHERN AFRICA -- A
PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT MUST BE SOUGHT, FOR A SOLUTION
THROUGH VIOLENCE IS APT TO BE DESTRUCTIVE OF ZAMBIA'S
INTERESTS. WE FIND IT PARTICULARLY INTERESTING AND
HELPFUL THAT MWALE CHOSE TO LECTURE THE SOVIET DELEGATION
ON ZAMBIA'S PREFERENCE FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AND
REJECTION OF SUPER POWER CONFRONTATION. LOW

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